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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composition comprising an oligosaccharide blend that comprises ~~fructo-oligosaccharide~~ fructo-oligosaccharide (FOS) and ~~galacto-oligosaccharide~~ galacto-oligosaccharide (GOS), wherein (a) ~~a daily dosage of said oligosaccharide blend is about 25 g~~ the composition comprises from about 15 g to about 20 g of the oligosaccharide blend; (b) each of said oligofructose and oligogalactose are composed of chains with a degree of polymerization ranging from about 2 to about 7; (c) the weight ratio of FOS and GOS is from about 0.5 to about 20; and (d) the FOS and GOS are capable of synergistically promoting the growth of *Lactobacilli*, such that their combined prebiotic property is greater than the sum of their individual prebiotic properties.

Claim 2-5 (canceled):

Claim 6 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition provides at least 400 kcal per serving.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises more than about 1en % protein, based on the total caloric content of the composition.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is nutritionally complete.

Claim 9 (canceled):